(d) About 33 per cent of the work of the terminal building has been completed.

**Development of Island Tourism in Andaman and Nicobar and Laksha Dweep**

6929. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have laid down strict conditions for the development of islands tourism in Andaman and Nicobar islands as also Lakshadweep islands; and

(b) if so what are those conditions and how Government propose to develop tourism in those islands on the strict conditions imposed by the Ministry of Environment and Forest?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India vide Notification dated 20th February 1991 laid down regulations for sustainable development activity on the coastal stretches called Coastal Regulation Zone.

(b) The Notification clearly specify prohibited activities and permissible activities. All tourism activity comes under the permissible activity of Coastal Regulation Zone. Based on this specific Islands in Andaman and Nicobar and Lakshadweep are being developed for tourism.

**Irregularities by ITDC Officers**

6930. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) how many cases of corruption, misappropriation of funds, misuse of official machinery, other irregularities and violation of rules among ITDC officials were detected since the present Executive Director (Vigilance) took over;

(b) the details of each case;

(c) how many officials were since suspended;

(d) how many were since charge-sheeted;

(e) how many officials were dismissed/removed/discharged from ITDC during this period, giving details of each case; and

(f) what steps are being taken to revamp ITDC Vigilance division?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Since the assumption of charge by the present Executive Director (Vigilance) in ITDC, 62 cases relating to misappropriation of funds, misuse of official position, procedural irregularities, etc., were detected, the details of which are given as under:

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| (i) Not substantiated | 14 |
| (ii) Concluded/closed after disciplinary action | 01 |
| (iii) Action in progress after issuing of chargesheets | 07 |
| (iv) Cases in hand after investigation | 13 |
| (v) Under investigation | 24 |
| | 62 |

(c) to (e) On the basis of the investigations, three employees were suspended and 13 employees were served with charge-sheets. No employee has been dismissed/removed from service.

(f) The steps which are being taken by ITDC to revamp its Vigilance Division include introduction of new MIS (Monthly Information System), augmentation of manpower etc.